

SWEARING IN THE JURORS.

Nine of Them Obtained for the Grymes Trial.

ABOUT SEVENTY-FIVE MEN EXAMINED.

Demurrer to the First Indictment Sustained. Features of Yesterday's Proceedings.

The consensus of what occurred at the Hastings Court yesterday in the case of the Commonwealth of Virginia against E. Buford Grymes may be summed up as follows:

Judge Aiken sustained the demurrer made by the defense, and one of the forgers indicted was thrown out. An embezzlement case was begun and tales ordered. The petit jury had been examined. Nine jurymen were obtained. Mr. Grymes was committed to jail. There were three sittings of the court. The first began at 10 o'clock and lasted until shortly after 1 o'clock. The second began at 1 o'clock and continued at 3 o'clock. Throughout the day a large number of spectators were present with considerable interest. Many of these were friends of Mr. Grymes.

Judge Aiken at 10 o'clock ascended the bench and immediately thereafter rendered his opinion sustaining the demurrer made by the defense. The indictment alleging forgery was defective in both of its counts, that it did not bear on its face sufficient contentment to support the charge, as it did not state that the charge was made by the defendant.

The opinion is only applicable to the indictment which it is based. There are three counts against Mr. Grymes for forgery, and they can be changed by the grand jury at the next term of this court. They are all different names in them. The first count bears the names of Levy, Schaefer and Watkins-Cottrell Company.

As soon as the Judge had delivered his opinion the Commonwealth's Attorney stated that he would take up the same case, but instead of forgery the charge would be embezzlement.

NOT GUILTY.

Mr. Grymes was not arraigned, and in a few minutes took place the guilty.

Mr. Stringfellow entered a formal demurrer against the indictment without argument, and the case was proceeded with.

Mr. Tristan Tupper was the first jurymen brought in by Sergeant Epps, and then began a question by Judge Aiken that was answered no less than sixty times during the day.

The juror was conducted around to the back of the dock and there he swore that he will answer truthfully all questions propounded him in relation to the case of the Commonwealth of Virginia against E. Buford Grymes. After being sworn the jurymen took about five minutes and Judge Aiken pronounced the question.

The Commonwealth is trying the case of E. Buford Grymes for embezzlement. Have you formed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the prisoner?

Mr. Grymes had replied like many who followed him that he had formed an opinion. When asked whether the opinion was positive or hypothetical, Mr. Tupper replied that it was positive. He was told to "stand aside."

Mr. J. G. Dabney followed and stated that he could not give the prisoner a fair trial.

Mr. B. C. Baker had formed an opinion.

Mr. Charles Weil had a decided opinion.

Mr. Robert Archer could not give the prisoner a fair trial.

Mr. William Heller said it would take testimony to remove the impressions on his mind about the case.

FIRST JURYMEN.

Mr. Robert P. Anderson proved to be the first jurymen. He said he had no reason why he could not give the prisoner a fair trial, and that the few newspaper accounts that he had read had made no impression on his mind.

Mr. Anderson was accepted, and for some time sat alone in the jury box. Mr. Anderson is a foreman at Banghman Brothers and is well known in Richmond.

Mr. John Baeleer had an opinion about the case.

Mr. E. Harvie Spence couldn't give a fair trial for several reasons.

Mr. John Blair had an opinion that would require testimony to change.

NUMBER TWO.

Mr. Thomas Bruton had read "some" newspaper accounts, but knew of no reason why he could not give the prisoner a fair trial. Mr. Bruton was accepted. He keeps a grocery store on Leigh street near Adams and is a thirty German citizen.

Mr. W. H. Cullingworth had read all the newspaper accounts, and would go into the jury box with an opinion.

Mr. E. Mitteldorfer had expressed a decided opinion.

Mr. Charles T. Watkins said he was a warm friend of the brother of Mr. Grymes, and as such his sympathies would be for the prisoner.

NUMBER THREE.

Mr. Alexander W. Archer said he knew of no reason why he could not give the prisoner a fair trial. No, he was not related to the prisoner. Yes, he had read some newspaper accounts, but they had left no impression on his mind. Mr. Archer was accepted. He is of the firm of Talbot & Sons, commander of Lee County and a well-known citizen.

Mr. W. H. Cullingworth had formed and expressed an opinion on the case.

Mr. F. C. Ebel had formed an opinion that required testimony to change.

Mr. Nathaniel Talley, Jr., said it would take evidence to alter his opinion.

Mr. W. H. Cullingworth said the petit jury was exhausted, and out of the venire of twenty men three jurymen had been obtained—Messrs. Anderson, Bruton and Archer.

After a short conference it was decided to adjourn for one hundred men, and the court took a recess until 1 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

The court again convened at 1 o'clock, the hundred jurors having been summoned in the meantime. The same curriculum was gone through with that had been observed in the morning, the first name offered being Mr. Richard Norvell.

Mr. Norvell had expressed an opinion which would take strong evidence to change.

Mr. Frank L. Montague had expressed an opinion which would take evidence to change.

Mr. Lewis D. Morris said he had reasons for giving the prisoner a fair trial.

Mr. William T. Mosley said he had already formed an opinion.

Mr. John A. Pizzini said he had expressed a decided opinion.

Mr. Samuel W. Pulliam said he had formed and expressed an opinion that would require evidence to change.

Mr. T. M. Hitzhimer had formed and expressed an opinion.

Mr. J. T. Anderson had expressed a decided opinion.

Mr. Isaac Hutzler had expressed a very decided opinion.

Mr. C. G. Gurgens had formed a decided opinion.

Mr. F. B. Robertson had formed an opinion.

Mr. J. P. Swords had both formed and expressed an opinion.

Mr. J. M. Thompson said that he had formed a decided opinion.

Mr. Thomas J. Todd had expressed a decided opinion.

Mr. Everett Wadley was discharged, he being military exemption.

Mr. John Harvey said he had a great deal about the case, but he had formed an opinion.

Mr. George W. Clark had formed his opinion "pretty well" on the case, and thought the opinion a decided one.

Mr. Solomon Weil said there was no reason why he could not give the prisoner a fair trial, but he had formed an opinion.

Mr. George C. Jefferson said he had a strong impression about the case and that testimony would be required to change it.

Mr. George D. Pearson had formed his

opinion, but could not remember even what opinion was, said that he had no prejudices one way or the other, but was rather inclined to think some testimony would be required to change his general impression. Mr. Christopher Evensen said he had formed a decided opinion.

NUMBER FIVE.

Mr. George B. Snyder, Jr., had not formed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the prisoner, but for the reason why he could not give the prisoner a fair trial. He was accepted. Mr. Snyder is the well-known furniture dealer on Broad street.

Mr. A. D. Lammakin had expressed a decided opinion.

Mr. John E. Rose had formed a decided opinion.

Mr. J. D. K. Sleight had formed and expressed a decided opinion.

Mr. S. W. Fleishman said he had a decided opinion.

Mr. S. C. Shields said he did not have a decided opinion about the case, but that his impression would require testimony to change it.

Mr. S. Schwarzschild had formed and expressed a decided opinion.

Mr. M. Call had formed a decided impression of the case.

Mr. Alfred Gray said that evidence would be required to change his opinion.

NUMBER SIX.

Mr. Joseph Strause had not formed or expressed an opinion. He could give Mr. Grymes a fair trial, for he had no impression on his mind about the case. He was accepted, making the sixth juror.

Mr. Norton R. Savage had formed and expressed an opinion.

Mr. E. W. Gates said evidence would be required to change his opinion.

Mr. J. M. Nolting had formed a decided opinion.

Mr. J. D. Ferguson had expressed a decided opinion.

Mr. M. W. Redford said he had a decided impression about the case.

Mr. P. L. Habblston had a decided opinion about the case.

Mr. O. Gasser said that one day he expressed a decided opinion.

Mr. W. A. Grant, Jr., had a decided opinion.

Mr. W. T. Smith had a decided opinion.

The tales at this point was exhausted, and after some little conference it was agreed to issue venire for fifty more men, and the court adjourned until 5 o'clock.

Third Session.

The court met again at 5 o'clock and the questioning of jurors began.

Proceedings were begun by the six jurymen answering to their names, and after a few moments delay the first one of the talesmen was Mr. C. V. Clash, who had formed a decided opinion.

Mr. A. Bates Tyree had also formed a decided opinion.

NUMBER SEVEN.

Mr. Henry Wenzel said he had not formed or expressed any opinion in reference to the case, but after several questions by Mr. Smith Mr. Wenzel was accepted as a juror. He was for a long time a fancy goods merchant on Broad street.

NUMBER EIGHT.

Mr. T. N. Kendler said he had not expressed any opinion or knew any reason why he could not give the prisoner a fair trial. He was also accepted. Mr. Kendler is in the galvanizing iron business, is a well known Odd-Fellow and a popular man.

Mr. R. H. Colbeck had formed an opinion, and also Mr. Allen E. Donnan.

Mr. James E. Tyler proved to be the most deliberate juror of the tales. When asked if he had formed an opinion he considered for fully a half minute before answering the question. He finally said he had and was discharged.

Mr. Richard M. Taylor, of Jefferson ward, made an unusually short speech when answering the question, and said: "I have." He was discharged.

Mr. James W. Fernan stated to the court that Mr. Grymes was a relative of his, and as such made him incompetent to serve on the jury. He was discharged.

When Mr. Fernan's name had been disposed of, Sergeant Epps stated to the court that the morning tales had been exhausted. The court at once ordered that the second tales be begun on.

Mr. Marx Mitteldorfer was the first one presented. He had expressed an opinion he was allowed to go.

Mr. C. P. Winston had also expressed an opinion and Mr. R. T. Briggs was next called. He said the relations between him and Mr. Grymes were such as to preclude him from serving on the jury. He was told to stand aside.

Mr. J. M. Tiller had expressed a decided opinion.

NUMBER NINE.

Mr. R. L. Norris said he had not formed an opinion, and felt sure that he could give the prisoner a fair trial.

Mr. Smith "Have you not read the newspaper accounts, Mr. Norris?"

"Yes, sir; but in the same way I would read any local news. The accounts left no impression on my mind."

Mr. Norris was accepted as a juror, making the ninth. He occupies the box next to Mr. Norris is a well-known broker of Richmond and a popular man in the social world.

Mr. J. P. Bargamin said, in answer to the question as to whether he had formed an opinion: "I have formed a decided one."

Major J. M. Patton had also formed an opinion.

Mr. James R. Sheppard stated that he was assistant chief of the fire department, and as such showed his exemption from jury duty. He was allowed to go.

Mr. C. P. Selden had formed and expressed an opinion.

Mr. J. L. Christian said he had an opinion about the case, and Mr. H. Grinnell bowed his head as a sign that his mind was also made up.

Mr. D. D. Talley said he had an opinion about the case and Mr. H. Grinnell bowed his head as a sign that his mind was also made up.

Mr. W. W. Brock emphatically said he had an opinion, and Mr. E. Z. Gunn, another young man, had also made up his mind.

Mr. K. H. Wills replied in a very business-like way: "Yes, sir," and he was followed by Mr. L. A. Davenport, who answered, "I have formed an opinion."

Mr. Hernon Courtney, the youngest man yet appearing, said he had certain prejudices, and he was followed by Mr. H. E. Dobner, an experienced juror. Mr. Dabney had formed an opinion, and after his answer an informal recess was taken, there being no more jurors present.

Many more had been ordered, but they had not shown up, and the Judge left the bench until a few more could be gotten within the fold of the serenade's desk.

Mr. John Addison at last put in an appearance, but said that he formed an opinion. Mr. Charles A. Rose had done likewise.

Mr. William Marshall said he made up his mind some time ago, and Mr. Levin Joyes ejaculated: "I have."

Mr. H. Landon Cabell replied "I have," and Mr. E. Harvey Savage, in a prosaic way, said: "Yes."

Mr. P. G. Harrison had also made up his mind, and Mr. Saunders Hobson said he had an opinion.

Mr. Charles E. Smith said "Yes, sir" in a business-like way, and was discharged, and the last one appearing was Mr. L. W. Glazebrook who also said "Yes." Mr. J. T. Estes also had an opinion.

Mr. J. E. Grigg said that he had not formed an opinion, but did not think he would be able to hear. That he was suffering with catarrh, and catching a cold a few nights since his catarrh had become greatly aggravated.

Judge Aiken asked if the deafness would not be better to-morrow (to-day), and in reply Mr. Grigg said he thought not. He was accordingly discharged.

There will be sixteen jurors selected, and out of this number the twelve who try the case will be empanelled. It is probable that the twelfth juror will be gotten to-day.

At all three sittings yesterday Mrs. Grymes, mother of the prisoner, and the latter's wife, were present.

Mr. Grymes was taken out after the second session by a deputy and provided with an enjoyable dinner.

In the third session Mr. Grymes bade his family good-bye and he was taken to jail by Sergeant Epps. As soon as a prisoner is arraigned his bail ceases, hence the reason for Mr. Grymes' imprisonment.

There was one colored man summoned by the venire and he had formed an opinion.

The venire were then allowed their freedom last evening, but were cautioned by the Court not to talk with any one about the case or allow any one to talk to them.

One of the men summoned, in answer to the question if he formed an opinion, replied: "Yes, I formed it at the breakfast table, and have kept it to ever since."

The court adjourned yesterday to meet this morning at 11 o'clock.

HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY CO.

Annual Meeting of its Stockholders Held Yesterday.

THE REPORT OF PRESIDENT BARGAMIN.

No Material Change in the Condition of the Graveyard—Treasurer's Communication. Officers Elected for the Year.

The stockholders of the Hollywood Cemetery Company held their annual meeting at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, with Mr. William H. Waring in the chair.

Mr. A. Bargamin, the president of the company, submitted his report, which read as follows:

Since my last report there has been no material change made in the appearance of Hollywood Cemetery, although there have been many important improvements. We have cut out 1,300 feet of new walks and graveled most of them, and they will soon be finished. When this work is completed it will give that part of the grounds a much better appearance.

Persons purchasing lots in that part of the cemetery often ask where the walls will be. No one will have any one to do work on the grounds as they are intended to be by the plans. We have graveled several of the old walks and we have kept them in good condition. We expect very soon to start again the work on Riverside hill, and hope to make it a very attractive place. The view from this point excels any other in the city, and the view of the city is fine. Mr. Bargamin is making a plan of the grounds between the hill and the river, and as soon as it is filled to a proper grade the walks and drives will be made and graveled. The valley at the entrance between east and west Vale avenues, that was so long in a rough and unsightly condition, is about to resume its former beauty.

We hope this year to give rather more attention to the old grounds than we have been able to do of late. Our executive committee has been very much encouraged at the success they have had in the care of sections and they hope eventually to have charge of every section in Hollywood. We think if the lot-holders will give the matter proper consideration, they would turn their lots over to the superintendent to be cared for by the company. Very many of the cemetery companies, both North and South, have done this, and it is a very good thing.

We have no objection in desiring this work other than the good of the cemetery, which is certainly for the benefit of all those who own lots or are otherwise interested in the proper management of the grounds. The cemetery is many sections owned by citizens of Richmond who live here and are perfectly able to keep them in good order, and we are sure that they will never pay the least attention to the cemetery.

It is surprising to find a number of people in good circumstances, and some who are wealthy, whose sections are in such a condition as to mar the appearance of the cemetery. It is a pity that a part of it in which their sections are located.

We have now about 280 sections to care for, and the company are in a very satisfactory condition. In addition to paying all expenses, which amounted to \$10,000, we have invested \$4,750 in stocks and \$1,200 in bonds. The company own the lot owned by the company, on which we receive \$120 rent yearly. So you will see by this statement that we have not only kept the grounds in good order, but we have added to your sinking fund \$4,750 and \$1,200 in other property that is paying a good interest.

It is absolutely necessary that the sinking fund should be increased every year if it is possible to do so; that at the end of twenty or thirty years when all the sections are paid for, we should have interest enough from our sinking fund to maintain the cemetery in good order. The sinking fund which is under the direction of the superintendent, and I will refer you to his report to the president for that information.

In connection with this report, Superintendent Hooper, of Hollywood Cemetery, read his private report to Mr. Bargamin. The president's report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. George D. Pleasant read the annual statement of the treasurer, showing that bonds amounting to \$39,000 are in his custody. The receipts during the past year amounted to \$27,099.58, and the disbursements to \$21,075.54, leaving a balance on hand of \$524.04.

After the adoption of the treasurer's report the meeting went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. On the motion of Mr. P. G. Harrison, Mr. A. A. Bargamin was re-elected president. In the board of directors a vacancy had occurred during the year by the death of Mr. L. M. Griffin. Mr. L. F. Bossieux moved to re-elect the old board and to add Mr. Louis Enker, as representative of the German element of this city, in the place of Mr. Griffin. Mr. Robert Stiles nominated Mr. L. F. Bossieux as one of the directors, and the vote which was then taken had the following result: Preston Cooke, John Dunlop, Henry Exall, M. M. Gilliam, P. T. Glasgow, T. W. Pemberton, George D. Pleasant, E. D. Starke, N. Walker, Louis F. Bossieux, Louis Enker.

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